



# FARMER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

## Write Your Own Nutrient Management Plan

The Farmer Training and Certification course provides an opportunity for farmers to learn how to write nutrient management plans for their own operations. As a producer, you have first hand knowledge of your own crops, animals, and equipment. Who better to write your nutrient management plan than you? This course will teach you how to do it!

### You will receive:

- **A comprehensive training binder** – that will be used during the class, serve as a reference during the exam, and as a valuable resource when you write future plans for your operation.
- **Certification** – producers who pass the exam will be certified by MDA to write their own nutrient management plans.
- **Voucher training credits** – this class will fulfill the nutrient applicator voucher training requirements.
- **A discount** – on the purchase price *NuManPro*, Maryland’s nutrient management planning software.

### You will have the opportunity to:

- **Complete a nutrient management plan** for your operation that meets MDA regulations.
- In order to work on your own plan, you need to begin gathering information **now**. You will need a map or sketch of your operation, soil tests that are less than two years old and a recent manure analysis (if manure is applied to your land). Contact your county Extension office if you need assistance with this.

### Registration Information

- Space is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come basis; therefore, **register early**. Registrations must be received 10 days before the first class. For more information, please call (410) 841-5959. Classes will be cancelled if there is lack of interest.

#### Evening Classes 7 – 9 pm (\$20 for certification exam)

#1	Diverse Operations (crops, pastured animals, vegetables & flowers)	University of Maryland Extension - Frederick County Office	October 19, 21, 26 and 28, November 3 (exam), 4 & 9 (plan writing)
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#### Day Classes 9:30 am – 4:30 pm (\$35 total, \$15 for lunch on first day & \$20 for certification exam)

#2	Crop Operations using Litter and Fertilizer	University of Maryland Extension – Wicomico County Office	January 19 and February 1 (exam) (snow dates January 22 and February 3)
#3	Crop Operations using Manure and Fertilizer	Charlotte Hall Library	February 8 and February 22(exam) (snow dates February 12 & 26)

Please register me for class # \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Operation     dairy/swine (liquid manure)     beef/sheep/horses (solid manure)     poultry  
 hay/grain     vegetable/flowers     perennial fruit     other (specify)\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special accommodations needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Complete registration form and mail to Maryland Nutrient Management Program, Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.